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Applicant

Kunieda et al.

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

The following is written in response to the Official Action dated July 1, 2005. Please, kindly reconsider the application in light of the arguments presented herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

A petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the period of response is attached hereto. Should the attached check be insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge applicant's representative's charge account 50-0548 for any deficiencies.